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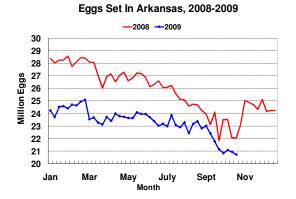
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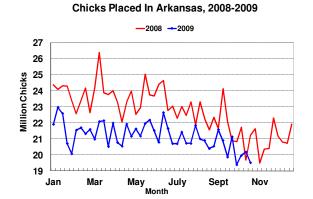
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.5 million during the week ending October 31, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 20.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 31, 2009, down 6 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.





Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, October 3, 2009 - October 31, 2009

State	Eggs Set Week Ending					Chicks Placed Week Ending				
		Thousand					Thousand			
Alabama	26,175	26,854	26,507	27,460	25,542	19,588	19,466	20,116	19,199	19,304
Arkansas	21,135	20,837 *	21,082	20,936 *	20,713	21,128	19,385	19,957	20,180 *	19,515
Delaware	2,942	3,277	3,116	3,167	2,941	4,715	4,179	4,320	4,075 *	4,602
Florida	1,331	1,330	1,098	1,098	1,327	664	700	876	1,140	1,026
Georgia	27,336	30,699 *	29,084	29,173	27,685	25,985	24,510	26,509	22,529	25,317
Kentucky	6,826 *	7,636 *	6,772 *	7,511 *	7,247	6,228	4,909	5,918 *	5,684 *	5,918
Louisiana	2,751	3,304	3,379	2,917	3,077	2,982	2,953	3,113	2,361	2,869
Maryland	8,172	8,440	8,586	8,174	9,065	4,950	4,899	5,962	5,527 *	6,234
Mississippi	16,172	16,764 *	17,294	16,419	15,901	15,549	15,276	14,039	13,899	14,442
N. Carolina	17,521	15,584 *	18,117	17,731	17,308	13,975	14,253	14,577	14,202	13,201
Oklahoma	6,691	6,951 *	6,418	6,534 *	6,859	4,560	5,202	4,108	3,749	4,569
Pennsylvania	4,023	4,003	3,385	3,496 *	3,779	3,161	2,958	2,977	3,189 *	3,198
S. Carolina	5,032	5,799	5,739	5,859	5,023	4,311	4,234	4,483	4,220	4,799
Texas	13,079	14,170 *	12,926	14,133	13,234	12,486	12,012	12,065	11,348	12,303
Virginia	5,754	6,087 *	6,035	5,695	5,314	5,111	5,017 *	4,837	4,487	4,203
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,423 *	18,205	17,281	16,849 *	16,658	14,595 *	15,584	16,088	14,969 *	15,923
19 State Total	182,363 *	189,940 *	186,819 *	187,152 *	181,673	159,988 *	155,537 *	159,945 *	150,758 *	157,423
Prev. Year Total	188,431	194,566	188,802	191,280	185,975	162,480	160,080	163,207	154,412	158,747
% of Prev. Year	97	98	99	98	98	98	97	98	98	99

Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 31, 2009. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 31, 2009. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 31, 2009 were 7.33 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.